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City of Long Beach  
Long Beach Sports Park  
Orange Ave./Spring St.  
Vic. LA-405-4.93; SCH # 1999091108

C/o Ms. Mona McGuire-DeLeon  
City of Long Beach  
Department of Planning and Building  
Community and Environmental Planning Division  
333 West Ocean Blvd., 7th Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Ms. McGuire-DeLeon:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation in the environmental review process for the above-mentioned project. Based on the information received, we have the following comments:

The fair-share funding for traffic mitigation for the I-405 SB ramps @ Orange Ave. will require the installation of a 3-phase traffic signal replacing the existing stop sign will improve the traffic and circulation on the north side of Orange Ave. as well as on the freeway ramps. 1

The traffic mitigation should be a condition of approval for the proposed development of the sports park and implemented prior to the build-out of the sports park facility.

Any work to be performed within the State Right-of-way will need a Caltrans Encroachment Permit. Installation of traffic signals within Caltrans R/W will need Caltrans review and approval. 2

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please refer to our IGR/CEQA Record number cs/041231 and do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 897-3747. 3

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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IGR/CEQA Program Manager

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

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### **A-8-1**

Consistent with the City requirements, the Long Beach Sports Park is responsible for mitigating the Sports Park project-related impact at the intersection of I-405 SB ramps and Orange Avenue through fair-share participation in the funding of the mitigation. The Long Beach Sports Park's fair-share percentage responsibility to implement this improvement totals 42.2 percent. In accordance with Mitigation Measure 4.9.4, the City, under the direction of the Director of Public Works, and as funded through the fair-share funding mechanism to be applied to new development projects, will install a three-phase traffic signal at this location prior to issuance of certificates of occupancy for the Proposed Project. Implementation of this improvement is subject to the approval of the City of Signal Hill.

### **A-8-2**

This letter states that work performed within the State right-of-way will need a Caltrans Encroachment Permit. Please see Section 3.5.8 of the Draft EIR, which includes the encroachment permit in the Project Description. It is recognized that implementation of the improvements at the intersection of I-405 SB ramps and Orange Avenue and the extension of the reclaimed water line within the State right-of-way will require a Caltrans Encroachment Permit and that installation of a traffic signal is subject to the review and approval of Caltrans. This comment does not contain any substantive statements or questions about the Draft EIR. Therefore, no further response is necessary.

### **A-8-3**

The comment concludes the comment letter and does not contain any substantive statements or questions about the Draft EIR. Therefore, no further response is necessary.